



Digital Prompt Books for Stage Managers

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Rules of Technology

More what you'd might call guidelines, really.

Technology is a tool - a means to an end.

The “technology” or tool should allow me to accomplish the task faster/better than without the tool. Technology for technologies sake is not helpful.

The “fruits” of the technology must be easily accessible to all others involved in the project.

There is always a learning curve.

Backup, Backup, Backup



Blocking Notation

- Why?
 - Why do I record blocking?
 - Who uses this information - really? How do they use it?
 - What information am I tracking?
- Because:
 - To have a record of the movement of the actors and props on stage.
 - To teach movement to actor who misses rehearsal or replacing an actor.
 - The lighting designer wants to know where the popes are standing on stage in order to provide illumination.

Digital Blocking

- Finding an application, a tool, that captures the information in a way that works for your organization.
- Can you save and share the data?
- What was it like the first time you took blocking notation with a pencil and paper (analog tools)?

Training & Practice

- Create a key.
- View video tutorials while using software.
- Practice taking blocking outside of rehearsal - pre-rehearsal.
- Prepare software just as you prepare your analog book.

Stagewrite Demo

Web & iPad app

<https://www.stagewritesoftware.com>

<https://web.stagewriteapp.com/#/productionlist>

Line Notes

- What information are we tracking?
- Who needs the information?

Cue Script

- What is the purpose of the Cue Script?
- Who uses this information?

spe Digital Prompt Book Apps

iAnnotate - Prompt Book & Cueing Book

StageWrite - Blocking Notation

Evernote - Share Info

Priorities - Checklist

MS Word - Reports (design and production meetings, rehearsal and performance reports)

Box - Data / File Share

Canvas - Data / File Share

Noteshelf 2 - Notes

Proprietary Software Tools

*Stage Management

- Empty Space -Virtual Callboard
- Prepared
- The Show Hub
- Virtual Stage Management
- Gofer
- Workamajig
- Event Management Systems
- Attendance Management Systems
- Line Notes
- Virtual Stage Management
- On Set Software
- Stage Bitz Props Management



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